

Appl. No. 10/623,020
Amendment dated November 21, 2006

Remarks

Claims 1-40 and 53 are pending in this application. Claims 41-52 were previously canceled as drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicants reiterate that they reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications drawn to the subject matter of these canceled claims.

An inadvertent error in numbering of claims occurred in the application as filed, wherein there were two claims numbered claim 34. The second occurrence of claim 34 and its succeeding claims through original claim 39 have been renumbered as claims 35-40. The claim originally numbered as claim 40 has been renumbered as claim 53. The dependency of the dependent claims in this group of amended claims has also been amended to correct the inadvertent error in claim dependency. No new matter has been added to the application by virtue of the present amendments.

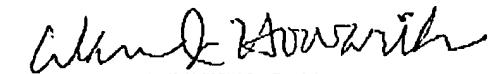
There being no other outstanding issues, Applicants respectfully request passage of this application to issue.

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Should the Examiner deem it advisable to conduct a telephone interview for any reason, the undersigned attorney would be most agreeable to receiving a telephone call to expedite the allowance of the application.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2006.

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